

**UNITED METHODIST  
PRESCHOOL  
JAN. 2012 NEWSLETTER**



*Thank you to all our families who helped support the book fair. As a non-profit, our small fundraisers help us to make ends meet! Thank you also for your kind gifts and well wishes extended to our staff during the holidays. Our families are very special to us and we wish you all a happy and healthy 2012!*

**REGISTRATION FOR 2012**

Registration for next year is now due. The due date is January 12 for currently attending students.

**PARENT CONFERENCES**

January is the month that we hold our parent conferences. Conferences will be held the weeks of January 16 - January 27. Your child's teacher will post a sign up sheet outside the classroom so you can pick a time that fits your schedule. School will be open during the conferences for your convenience. If you are not in the building on a regular basis, please call the office or email us to schedule your conference.

**PARENT ENRICHMENT**

We will host a Parent Coffee Hour on Friday, Jan. 27, 11:00 to 12:00. The guest speaker will be Tony Phillips, who is the Youth Services Director for the town of New Canaan. The talk will focus on the 40 Developmental Assets for Early Childhood as they apply to preschoolers. He will highlight this with

lots of opportunities for questions and conversation. Please join us, you won't be disappointed! Our next parent coffee in February/March will focus on nutrition.

**CLASS NEWS**

Ellie Toy from the CT Storytellers Assoc. will be visiting our 3's classes as Mother Goose on January 27. Her visit is a highlight for our 3's every year! The 4's classes will be exploring all the changes that the winter weather brings. In keeping with this theme, the New Canaan Nature Center will be here on January 23 with their "Animals in Winter" program. Jan Brett is the featured author this month.

**ACCREDITATION RENEWAL**

One of the criteria that we meet in order to maintain NAEYC Accreditation is having parents participate in a yearly survey to provide input to evaluate the program. Since this is our renewal period, we are asking for 100% participation. Next week there will be a table in the lobby for your convenience with forms to either fill out here or to take home. Your feedback is valuable to us as we look to improve our program.

**REMINDER**

School will be closed January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.

**PARKING COURTESY**

Pastor Eric asked that when parking please be mindful of the spots that are designated for church personnel. They are reserved.

**WEBSITE**

Any cancellation or delay information will be posted on our website, [www.mnskids.org](http://www.mnskids.org).

